





## Today's Advertisements.

**ZETLAND LODGE,**  
No. 52, E.C.

**AN EMERGENCY MEETING** of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 7th instant, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1895. 1590

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
The Company's Steamship

"SARPEDON,"  
Captain W. H. F. Jackson, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 8th instant, at 4 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1895. 1573

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
FOR SWATOW, AMOY, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.  
The Company's Steamship

"HUPEH,"  
Captain Quail, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 8th instant, at 4 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1895. 1545

**THE Steamship**  
FOR SHANGHAI.

"LY-KEE-MOON,"  
Captain G. Heuguen, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 8th instant, at 4 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SIEMSEN & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1895. 1605

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.  
The Company's Steamship

"NAMO,"  
Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 9th instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS, LARRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1895. 1601

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
FOR MANILA (DIRECT).  
The Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG,"  
Captain W. Waddell, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 9th instant, at 4 P.M. This Steamship has Superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers. For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1895. 1603

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.  
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for CHERY, YENSWAN, NEWCHANG, HANKOW and Pootung on the YANGTZE).  
The Company's Steamship

"TAISANG,"  
Captain Anderson, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 10th instant, at 4 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1895. 1609

**NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.**  
NOTICE.  
STEAM TO SINGAPORE, AMSTERDAM, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.  
The Company's Extra Steamship

"NURNBERG,"  
Captain A. Winkel, will leave as above on SUNDAY MORNING, the 12th instant, at Daylight, and the Steamer is now ready to receive Cargo. For Freight, apply to  
MELCHERS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1895. 1533

**"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.**  
FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.  
(Calling at NAGASAKI if sufficient inducement offers.)  
The Steamship

"GLENGLIE,"  
Captain Gasson, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 13th instant, at 4 P.M. This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers, and carries a Doctor and Stewards. For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1895. 1592

**AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**  
UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

**STEAM TO SHANGHAI AND KOBE.**  
The Company's Steamship

"MARQUIS BACQUEHEM,"  
Captain G. Grison, will leave for the above places on TUESDAY, the 14th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SANDER & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1895. 1607

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.  
The Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN,"  
R. Nelson, R.N.R., Commander, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 17th instant, at 4 P.M. The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light. For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1895. 1610

## Today's Advertisements.

**THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.**

**LESSEE & MANAGER.....SAVILLE SMITH.**  
**GRAND FARCEAL COMEDY SEASON.**  
12-NIGHTS-12

Commencing SATURDAY next, 11th May, When will be Produced for the first time in HONGKONG,

**PINKER'S SCREAMING FARCEAL COMEDY, in 3 Acts,**

"THE SCHOOLMISTRESS."  
To be followed by a

**VARIETY BILL OF NOVELTIES,**  
When several New Faces will make their appearance.

Full Particulars will shortly appear.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1895. 1597

**THE FOOT-BINDING EVIL.**

**PETITION TO THE EMPEROR OF CHINA AGAINST FOOT-BINDING.**

**ALL THE EUROPEAN WOMEN OF HONGKONG** are earnestly requested to append their Signatures to the above without delay. Papers are lying at:-

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY, Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, POWELL & Co.'s, Messrs. FAIRALL & Co.'s, Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S, LA. Mr. W. W. BARNES'S, HONGKONG TRADING Co.'s, Messrs. DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1895. 1608

**NOTICE.**  
SCRIP for (10) Shares HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCKS Nos. 5027 to 5032; also (50) Shares Messrs. A. S. WATSON & Co. Nos. 21,500 to 21,549 standing in my Name have been LOST. Persons are hereby cautioned against negotiating same.

R. CHENOWETH.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1895. 1604

**PEAK CHURCH.**  
A GENERAL MEETING will be held at St. PAUL'S COLLEGE on FRIDAY next, the 10th instant, at 5 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee of Management, passing the Accounts and electing a New Committee for the ensuing year.

R. F. COBBOLD, Hon. Sec.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1895. 1605

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship "WINGSANG" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after NOON on the 9th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1895. 1611

**NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TACOMA," FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.  
DODD, CARLILL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1895. 1614

## Intimations.

**DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED, VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.**

**AERATED WATERS.**

**SODA WATER.**

**LEMONADE.**

**SARSAPARILLA.**

**RASPBERRYADE, &c.**

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, RESTAURANTS and other Large Consumers.  
Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.  
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1895. 159

## Intimations.

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.**  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

**WINES AND SPIRITS.**

ALL these are Selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in Wood and Bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits and enabling us to supply the best at moderate prices.

PRICE LIST, WITH FULL DETAILS, TO BE HAD ON APPLICATION.

**PORT.**—After removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

**SHERRY.**—Excellent dinner and after dinner Wines, of very superior vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

**CLARET.**—Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the Joke of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

**BRANDY.**—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

**WHISKY.**—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The Scotch Whisky marked "E" is universally popular and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong Market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LD. THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.**  
Hongkong, 9th January, 1895.

**DEATHS.**  
On 5th March, at Monterey, JULES ROUSTAN formerly of Shanghai, aged 42 years.

At Shanghai, on the 28th April, 1895, MORITZ BERNHARD, (late assistant Central Hotel), aged 65 years.

**The Hongkong Telegraph**  
HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1895.

**RUSSIA AND JAPAN.**

There appears in another column a short article from the *North China Daily News* of the 1st May summing up the position as it appeared on that date between Russia, China and Japan. "We may note," in passing, that it justifies, as later intelligence has justified, our telegraphic news from Shanghai of about that date at which some of our readers were inclined to leer as "being a little too sensational to be quite true." But that is of little importance.

The important question is now—will the ratifications of the Treaty be exchanged to-morrow at Chefoo, and, if exchanged, will Japan present a steady front to Russia, France and Germany, protesting against her acquisition of territory on the mainland. We hardly believe that she can have yielded up what she has so gallantly won, and what seems so essential to the completion of the work she has taken in hand—the establishment of the independence of Korea. Perhaps that independence has been placed under the guarantee of the Powers. If so, the loss of the Manchurian coast-line and Liaotung peninsula would become of comparatively little practical importance. We feel assured that Japan has, at any rate, not consented to fall back from her advanced position without some guarantee that Russia will not, in the immediate future at least, take up the ground so abandoned.

**TELEGRAMS.**  
(Special to *Hongkong Telegraph*.)

**CHINA'S SPECIAL ENVOYS ARRIVE AT CHEFOO.**

**RUSSIA AND JAPAN SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES.**

**A WONDERFUL COMPROMISE.**

**RUSSIA DEMANDS PORT LAZAREFF.**

SHANGHAI, May 7th, 5:12 p.m.

Two special envoys, appointed by the Emperor of China, have arrived at Chefoo with the ratified Treaty of Peace. The exchange of ratifications will take place to-morrow with great pomp and ceremony.

It is reported that the vexed questions at issue between Russia and Japan have been amicably settled.

China has agreed to pay another two millions of taels to Japan and to consider thereby Japan has agreed to return to China the whole of the occupied territory in Shinkiang with the exception of Port Arthur and the Ragout's Sword, up to and including Taltanwan.

Russia, it is reported, has signified to the interested Powers that she considers

the peace of the Orient can best be secured by two hundred miles of the north-east coast of Korea, including Port Lazareff, being annexed by Russia. [Port Lazareff is at present better known as Yuensan, and is one of the Treaty Ports of Korea.—Ed. H.K.T.]

**AUSTRO-HUNGARY.**  
LONDON, May 6th.

Count G. Koloky (Minister of Foreign Affairs) has resigned owing to the strictures of the Hungarian Premier who accuses him of meddling with the Papal Nuncio.

**STALE NEWS.**  
The Black Flags in Formosa continue turbulent and British and German Marines have been landed at Anping for the protection of foreigners; British armed launches patrol Takow harbor.

[This news was published in the *Hongkong Telegraph* on the 27th ultimo.—Ed. H.K.T.]

**THE TREATY OF PEACE.**  
The latest states that the Emperor of China has ratified the treaty of peace on Thursday last.

[This news was published in the *Hongkong Telegraph* on the 3rd instant.—Ed. H.K.T.]

**OSCAR WILDE, ESQ.**  
Oscar Wilde has been released on bail.

**THE NICARAGUA DIFFICULTY.**  
The British Squadron, with the exception of the *Royal Arthur*, has left Corinto.

(Special to *Shanghai Mercury*.)  
**THE STEAMER "YIKSANG" RELEASED.**

The *Yik Sang* China Coast steamer, *Yik Sang* has been released, and has left for Shanghai. Messrs. Hansen and Dixon are on board.

**MR. FOSTER'S DEPARTURE FROM PEKING.**  
PEKING, May 2nd.

Mr. Foster has left Peking for Tientsin. He was present at several conferences with the Chinese Ministers while at the Capital.

**SECRET MEMORIALS.**  
I learn that secret memorials are being sent in to the Throne nearly every day, condemning certain officials; also condemning the action of territory.

**THE PEACE TREATY RATIFIED.**  
PEKING, May 3rd.

The Peace Treaty between China and Japan has been ratified by the Emperor of China. [All this news was published in the *Hongkong Telegraph* on the 3rd instant.—Ed. H.K.T.]

**JAPAN AND RUSSIA.**  
PEKING, May 3rd.

It is reported on good authority, in addition to the above, that an agreement has been arrived at between Russia and Japan whereby the latter cedes to Russia a portion of Liaotung, including a port.

(Special to *N. C. Daily News*.)  
**THE SITUATION IN PEKING.**

PEKING, April 30th.

If the Treaty is ratified the exchange of ratifications would have a greater impression if made in Peking than at Chefoo, and more so if part of the Japanese army entered Peking.

The commercial advantages to be obtained by the Japanese treaty are greater than the terms allowed by previous treaties, as one article stipulates for the favored nation clause, and another allows the reselling of merchandise and trade in the interior, similar to the British Chefoo Convention.

None of the Japanese terms are considered as excessive except the cession of territory.

**THE RUSSIAN FLEET.**  
NAGASAKI, 3rd May (2.28 p.m.).

The remaining vessels of the Russian fleet have left this port with sealed orders.

(From *Japanese Papers*.)  
**THE JAPANESE ENVOY.**

HIROSHIMA, April 25th.

Mr. Ito Miyaji, who was to leave here on the 25th or 26th inst., for Chefoo, will, it is said, set out for his mission on the 2nd or 3rd May.

**THE RUSSIAN MILITARY ATTACHE.**  
The *Saltanov* *Maru*, which arrived here last night from Tientsin, brought Lieut. Colonel Ikeda, and Colonel Wogack, of the Russian Legation, and the party left for Ujina this morning in the same vessel.

**VISCOUNT MUTSU'S CONDITION.**  
HYOGO, April 26th.

Vicount Mutsu, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who has been staying at Suma for the benefit of his health, is now nearly recovered, and is daily engaged in public affairs. After the visit of Count Ito, he exchanged frequent telegraphic communications with Hiroshima and Tokyo. The Viscount will probably return to the Principal Headquarters.

(From *Chinese Official Sources*.)  
**THE TREATY OF PEACE.**

THE 15th, April 30th.

Only a few Ministers belonging to Prince Kung and Li Hung-chang's party are in favour of ratification by the Emperor, advising him to fulfil Li Hung-chang's contract and leave Russia and Japan to settle the matter between themselves. On the other hand, it has been sent from authoritative sources that Russia has sent a Note to the Tsungli Yamen advising China not to ratify the treaty.

This meets the views of all members of the idea that Japan's demands have been too excessive and made with the intention of crushing China.

(Special to *Shan Observer*.)  
**CHINESE 3,000,000 LOAN.**  
LONDON, April 22nd.

A Chinese loan of 3,000,000 has been concluded, a German Syndicate having taken it up.

The third concert of the Hongkong Smoking Concert Club will be held in the Theatre Royal, on Saturday, the 18th instant, at 9.15 p.m.

We hear that after the exchange of ratifications at Chefoo, the foreign men-of-war which have assembled there will immediately proceed to Japan.

A very large number of foreign men-of-war have assembled at Chefoo to be ready to salute as soon as the ratifications of the Treaty of Peace are exchanged to-morrow.

An Emergency meeting of Zetland Lodge, No. 525, E.C., will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

A steamer named Budd was fined two dollars at the Magistracy this morning for "raising ructions" at the Salton's Home last night. The steamer not being forthcoming, Jack has gone "up" for a week.

At the Police Court to-day, before Mr. Wodehouse, Lo Lam, of 112, Bonham Street Central, was charged by Mr. W. Stanton, Inspector of Weights and Measures, for being in possession of fraudulent balances. A fine of \$10 was imposed, and the light weights confiscated.

We understand that in connection with the Interport Rifle Match the Singapore team made only 773 points. This leaves the Hongkong team, who made 795 yesterday, 22 points to the good. There is a likelihood that Hongkong will win for the fifth year in succession.

Dr. KITABATO, of Hongkong plague renown, has compiled a list of suggestions for the use of local authorities in taking precautions against cholera. After discussion by the doctors attached to the Japanese Quarantine Bureau, these suggestions will be forwarded to all the prefectural governments in Japan.

THREE Chinese boatmen were charged before Mr. H. E. Wodehouse at the Police Court to-day, at the instance of Mr. John Graham, an engineer, with stealing two cwt. of old fire-brick from the steamer *Belle* at 10 a.m. on the 6th inst. They were fined \$5 each—two paid up like men and the other went "aloft" for 14 days.

The Peking correspondent of our Shanghai contemporary, the *Mercury*, reports that the Japanese and Russian Governments have "patched up" the annexation difficulty; Japan is to hold Port Arthur and the major portion of the Liaotung peninsula, while Russia is to have a portion of southern Manchuria, including one port. This seems to us to be scarcely credible.

NAVAL critics are asking whether we are not going too far in the armament of some of our smaller cruisers, and whether we are going far enough in the matter of speed. It is all very well, says the *Sporting and Dramatic News*, to be able to sink an enemy when within fighting distance of him, but it is just as well to be able to catch him; and some of the cruisers of the Powers with which we might become involved in hostilities are at least a quarter or half a knot faster than our own vessels of corresponding displacement.

FURTHER despatches received at Shanghai, on the 1st instant from Takao (Formosa) stated that General Chou, the late Brigadier-General of the Pescadores who managed to escape to Formosa upon the fall of P'engsu, was attacked the other day by a number of his former troops who demanded arrears of pay. In consequence of this Governor T'ang has placed General Chou under arrest awaiting the pleasure of the Emperor. As speculation of the pay and rations of the troops comes under the death penalty, that combined with the circumstance of the loss of the Pescadores, will render General Chou nearly sure of condemnation to the extreme penalty.

The last article written by Mr. Conroy Graft, who had a light, bright pen, appeared in the *Illustrator* magazine for January. He had arranged to write another for an early issue, but had not begun it when he was seized with the illness which was so soon to prove fatal. One of the developments, by the way, of this illness was, besides, from which it is doubtful if the sufferer could in any case have recovered, as it was feared that the typhans were destroyed. So if my well be that in dying, as he did, the poor fellow was spared from a life-long trial, which, according to a London weekly, to one of his special temperament and customary occupations would have been almost worse than death itself.

This wonderful inspiration, from the *Prisco Bulletin*, is far too interesting to be consigned to the uttermost depths of the W. P. B. The obstacle in the way of a Japanese conquest of China is the opposition which would be offered by the European Powers. Of this the Government of Tokio is well aware, and it is an open secret that the pulse of the Rosebery Government has been felt on the question whether any temptation would induce England to join hands with Japan in its enterprise, to as to hold in check Russia, Germany and France. It seems hardly possible that the British Government can return a favourable answer. England's foreign policy has but one idea—the extension of the old and the discovery of new markets for English manufactures. A greater Japan would defeat this policy, for Japan is already a manufacturing country and is getting ready to compete with England in all the markets of Eastern Asia. There is but one country to which a Japanese conquest of China would be a matter of indifference, and that is the United States. It would appear that the time has come to consider whether such a change in the map of Asia could not be presented to American eyes in such a light that it would seem worth our while to give the Land of the Rising Sun our moral support. It would not be necessary to engage in hostilities; a diplomatic announcement of a new friendship alliance between Japan and the United States would be adequate warning to Europeans that as to the operations of the former in China, they must keep hands off.—After this the Deluge!

THE latest quotation for Hongkong and Shanghai Bank shares is 195 per cent. premium. Exchange has gone up and now stands at 2. 12 1/2.

MR. R. WILLI, Secretary H.B.M.'s Consulate, and Mr. N. Rosapoff, Secretary to the Russian Legation, are the latest arrivals in official circles in Segul. Mr. P. de Kehrberg, the retiring Secretary, expects to leave soon. Mailboats from the U.S.S. *Detroit* relieved the Legation guard, in Seoul, from the *Charleston* on March 25th. The Russian Legation guard likewise left on March 25th. The latter were seven months in Seoul.

At the last moment, says the *L. & C. Express* of the 5th ultimo, the dies for the new British dollar were somewhat delayed, but they were definitely despatched for Bombay per P. and O. steamer *Khalid* on the 4th April. They will be due in Bombay about the end of the month, and before May is closed specimens will doubtless be issued from the mint there. They are, or will be, legal tender in Hongkong and the Straits Settlements, and it is hoped that from these centres they may also spread through the treaty ports and country of China, and throughout the archipelago from Singapore. The sentimental approach that the large British trade of the Far East, which has been scarcely represented by British coins, will now be withdrawn, whilst the premium that the Mexican colonies have commanded over their parity value with silver (since the close of the Indian mint in June, 1893) will now cease, for any artificial over-value of the Mexican will be counteracted by the new British dollar.

**PLAQUE NOTES.**  
The hospital ship *Hygiea*, lying off the Salween River, West Point, has been thoroughly overhauled, and is now ready for any emergency.

Two cases of plague were reported yesterday: one a girl thirteen years of age, from Pootung Lane, Tal-ping-shan, and the other a woman, from a house in Tal-wong Lane, Wanchai.

From a letter, dated Macao, May 6th, we gather that the Plague is creating terrible havoc in the "Holy City," where Chinese coolies are to be seen dropping down dead in the public thoroughfares. Yesterday (6th) 30, including several Portuguese, died of plague there.

The latest official returns are as follow:—  
From 28th April until 3 p.m. to-day:—

Hospital ship *Hygiea*...  
Kowloon, (in last 18 hours).....  
Private houses.....  
Total.....

Deaths from the outbreak (28th April) up to May 7th, noon, 21 grand total 2.

**RUSSIA AND JAPAN.**

THAT our Shanghai correspondent was fully justified in all he wired to us last week in respect to Russian interference in the settlement between China and Japan, the following from the *N. C. Daily News* of the 1st May and more recent intelligence very clearly shows:—

"There is no doubt that the terms of the Treaty arranged between China and Japan have met with serious opposition from Russia, who has all along warned Japan that she will not permit the cession by China of any Manchurian territory, and advises received from Japan yesterday show unmistakable evidence that the relations between Russia and Japan on this question have been greatly strained, and that a diplomatic crisis has occurred which may lead to something very serious. The Japanese vernacular press have been forbidden to make any reference to this, hence a want of knowledge of the real state of affairs between the two countries which is not only irritating but is cause for a great deal of anxiety. So determined are the Japanese to maintain a strict silence on the subject, that four Tokyo newspapers, including the semi-official *Nichi Nichi*







